

## Statement from Lt. Governor Garamendi on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

“Ninety minutes after it began, the attack on Pearl Harbor was over. 2,386 Americans died and 1,139 were wounded. Eighteen ships were sunk, including five battleships. From that moment on, the United States was thrust into the most devastating war of the twentieth century.

“Like the rest of the “greatest generation” only a few who fought and lived through that day are still with us, but the memory of their service and bravery lives on. Today, one cannot think of Pearl Harbor without remembering a more recent and devastating attack on our country: the destruction of the World Trade Center that took thousands of innocent lives. Both attacks spawned wars, the most recent being the War on Global Terror, and both awakened our nation to dangers that threaten our freedom and our lives...

“Let us pause today for a moment to remember those who lost their lives, and those who lost their families, and remember how precious our freedoms are. Let us remember that preserving them is as important as fighting those who would take them from us. The memories of those who died on December 7th and September 11th deserve nothing less.”

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